

LATENCY REDUCTION IN PROVIDING INTERACTIVE PROGRAM GUIDE

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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 This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application serial number 09/384,394 filed August 27, 1999, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Compressing Video Sequences," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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20 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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